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Greek side has the flag in sight!

HELLAS WILL NOT REGARD

HAKOAH AS A SODA IN THEIR TITLE BID!

By MORRIE BUCKNER

South Melbourne-Hellas has taken a 'clear lead and is front-running in the race for the State League Championship, but now more than ever the team is exposed to the dangers involved in indulging in that heady and self-deceiving state of

mind that we call over-confidence.

Hellas' brilliant coach, Manny Poulakakis, is well aware of this and he is sure to take special pains to hammer it into his players' heads that there can be absolutely no relaxing on their part when they meet Hakoah at Olympic Park on Saturday.

ST. ALBANS SCENE

Official held up with gun

MR M. BELLER, a St. Albans official, had his ear cut by a knife and was held up with a shotgun last Saturday . . . and all this happened at a soccer match!

It occurred a few minutes after referee Nagy abandoned the Second Division North match between St. Albans and Libertas in the 80th minute.

The referee stopped the game when St. Albans were leading 3-1 after he had been punched in the face by a player.

Then the trouble started. The St. Albans' committee, led by club president Mr Peter Ernstrang, rushed on to the ground to protect the referee from further injury.

A spectator appeared with a knife in his hand and stabbed Mr Beller's ear.

Officials chased the spectator as he ran to a car. When they reached him another man appeared with a shotgun and told them to back away. The vehicle then drove off at high speed with the two men inside.

Mr Ernstrang told Soccer Weekly: "In all my soccer experience I have never seen anything like it before. It was a shocking scene and I hope I never see anything like it again.

"We took Mr Beller to the local doctor and he had stitches inserted in the wound. I'm pleased to say he's recovered now."

At half-time Libertas was leading 1-0. The matter will be dealt with at the Disciplinary Tribunal by Mr P. J. O'Connor S.M., tomorrow night.

THIS MUST STOP

THE EDITOR writes — This is a blow to soccer in Victoria. This story also is an exclusive to Soccer Weekly, but these are not the kind of exclusives we look for and we're certainly not proud to publish them.

If we had a more efficient Press with a better news service than we have at present, this story would have been splashed in the dailies and given prominence. This kind of story, especially when it has a soccer flavor, always goes down well with the Inky Way boys. It only proves again how soccer is being neglected in every-day journalism in Melbourne, and the poor service that soccer lovers get in this rules-riddled part of the globe.

I say hunt down the men who produced the knife and shotgun, catch them, and let justice take its course.

WE HAVE NO TIME OR PLACE FOR THEIR KINK IN OUR GAME.

He will probably tell them, too, that they certainly didn't look like an all-conquering side when they played Polonia last Sunday, regardless of the fact that they won.

The fact that Hakoah was beaten 1-0 by Melbourne last week isn't a true guide either — just a few weeks ago, Hellas managed only to draw 1-1 with Melbourne on the tricky Hawthorn ground.

STRONG DEFENCE

Hellas will be wise to remember that Hakoah's defence is on a par with that of Juventus, George Cross and Hellas itself.

In the 17 rounds played so far, Hakoah has conceded three goals only once (to Wilhelmina), and two goals in each of four other matches (to Juventus, Hellas and George Cross twice). In the remaining 12 games, it has yielded only one, or none, for a total of eight.

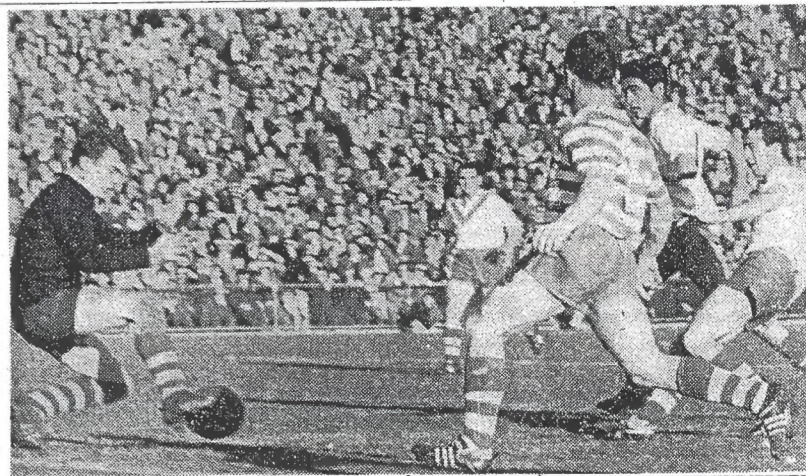
So much for the negative. Now let's turn to the positive — the business of attack.

6-MAN ATTACK

In this department, Hellas looks like enjoying superiority. Its swiftly-moving, creative, constantly probing six-man attack has the ability to wear down and pierce Hakoah's defence. There can be little doubt about that.

"Corky" Hatzeletheriou's twisting gallops have disturbed every stopper in the league, and Bobby Adams is not likely to be an exception.

But Corky doesn't have to go it alone — he gets tons of support from Kamboropoulos, Margarites, Tsolakis, Papadopoulos, Bedford and Smith, no matter which



BIG CROWD?

Yes, soccer is gaining popularity in Melbourne. Just take a look at this crowd in the outer at Olympic Park last Sunday. They went to see South Melbourne-Hellas beat Polonia 3-1. Here Hellas centre-forward Hatzeletheriou (extreme right) shoots as Polonia goalie Gronowski steps out to save the sizzling shot. Second from left in the background is Tsolakis and second right is the new Hellas star Kamboropoulos.

Polonia full-back Gasior can be seen keeping a watchful eye on the ball. — Photo by Soccer Weekly photographer Uwe Kuessner.

five of the six are named. This attack formation has given Hellas five wins in a row with a goal average of 13 to two.

Hakoah has not been quite as consistent as that, winning four of the last five games with an average of nine to four.

Therein lies the difference — and it's Hellas to win by a narrow margin.

SA FEDERATION'S NEW SECRETARY

The new secretary of the South Australian Soccer Federation is Mr A. Cmielewski, 4 Willoughby Avenue, Novar Gardens, Adelaide.

THE MAN THEY DIDN'T WANT!

A few weeks ago, when George Cross found themselves desperately short of reserves, they signed Schroeder, a player from J.U.S.T. J.U.S.T. had found themselves in the opposite position. The importation of four new players from Yugoslavia had left a surplus down at Footscray and J.U.S.T. allowed Schroeder to try his luck elsewhere.

This move bounced right back at them on Saturday when George Cross trounced J.U.S.T. 4-0. One of the architects of the win was — need we say — Schroeder.



MARILYN MONROE is in the news after being sacked from the show "Something's got to Give", so we thought we'd revive an old picture of her with a new angle on soccer. Like it? Sorry you can't sign her for your club. We've already tried and she turned us down.



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BY ONLOOKER

One of Victoria's most popular referees does not have any language trouble on the field, due to the fact that he can speak six languages.

He is Adam Weiss, a 35-year-old Yugoslav who graduated at Melbourne University in 1956. While at university in Austria he was playing soccer for students' college until 1952. However, he took soccer at the age of 18 and had played in Yugoslavia, Hungary and Austria before his retirement in 1952 at the age of 24 after having played more than 150 games. While still at the University in Vienna he took his first steps to becoming a referee, by refereeing friendly matches against various student teams for three years.

Late in 1955 he sat and passed an exam to become a referee, but according to the rules he did not referee senior matches until he had refereed junior matches and acted as a linesman for a year.

Soon after, he came to Australia and took up refereeing after having passed another exam in 1957.

Since then he has not missed a game and estimates that he has refereed more than 90 games.

With one exception he has never had any trouble. The one time he did have to abandon a game was the Melbourne Wilhelmmina Reserves match in 1959. However, the toughest game he has ever had was the Juventus v Wilhelmmina Reserves in 1961 at Olympic Park when he had to send off three players.

Adam told me that on the field he is very strict but never has any trouble with players or language because he can speak

English, German, Hungarian, Serbian, Croatian and Dutch.

He uses all these languages in his job at the Migrant Information Centre of the Commonwealth Bank.

WILHELMINA PUT ON 2ND HALF SPEED

Lions 0, Wilhelmmina 4 at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne.

WILHELMINA lined up with Dirk van Alphen at centre-forward, while Lions had former Dutch star Sjef de Bruckere as coach.

Watson was prominent in several early attacks for the Lions, but it was fitting that Vleugels opened the scoring for Wilhelmmina with a long distance drive that left Voigt helpless.

After half-time, Sas added a second goal for Wilhelmmina and within two minutes Van Balkom made it three with a well directed angular shot.

Van Alphen at this stage reverted to centre-half and this gave the visitors much more poise and balance.

With the minutes ticking away Van Balkom broke away and scored a fourth goal to settle an issue which was seldom in doubt.

Summing up: Not one of Wilhelmmina's best games by any means, but they showed sufficient technical skill and shooting power, especially late in the second half, to make it a worthy win. Vleugels was outstanding, followed by Stoffels.

Lions worked hard without little hope of success. They lack ability and class, especially up front. The overworked Voigt was their lone star.

Your Zoom Lens verdict . . .

TWO GIFT GOALS GAVE SLAVIA THE POINTS

By SOCCER WEEKLY man-on-the-spot JIM COOK

MORELAND 1, SLAVIA 3, at Campbell Reserve, Moreland.

When Slavia trotted out without John Berry at centre-half I thought they might be in trouble . . . and how nearly right I was! An opening burst by Slavia when Haasz made two good chances, saw both centre-forward Cook and left-winger Ouderman miss them.

Less than 10 minutes had gone when Angstenberger walloped a 15 yarder, which hardly left the ground, well out of goalie Adams' reach to put Port side in front.

Eight minutes later, Moreland equalised when Slavia's right-back conceded a silly free kick. Centre-forward Kirkpatrick made no mistake from an acute angular shot.

Just on half-time former Wilhelmmina player Jim Keuken almost put the home side ahead when a long spectacular lob landed

on the Slavia goal up-right, but ran out for a goal kick.

In the second half, Moreland continued to dominate, but in a crazy three-minute spell in the 76th and 79th minutes the Moreland keeper, Adams, was at fault on both occasions when Ouderman scored twice.

Summing up: Moreland were the more constructive side in a game which never reached high standards. Keeper Adams must shoulder the blame for conceding two soft goals. Richmond was the "brains" in their attack, which lacks a general; while in the rear-guard Whyman played hard and the veteran Eric Heath played well until he ran out of steam.

Slavia disappointed and were presented with the points. Despite two early misses Ouderman at outside-left had some idea where the goal lay. Barotaj and David were the pick of the rest in a Slavia which lacked its usual fighting spirit.

CROAT NO MATCH FOR JUVENTUS

Juventus 4, Croat 0, at Elsternwick Park

TWO goals by Biro and Barbazza in the twelfth and seventeenth minutes put paid to any hopes Croat may have had of pulling off a shock.

In midfield Croat were more than holding their own with the veteran Sol and Lucnik trying hard to prompt their forwards, who were shot shy.

In a concentrated spell of pressure before half-time, Juventus added another two goals.

The first, a shot by Biro, hit the upright and was deflected into his own net by Peter Carroll, the former George Cross player. Acunzo added another just on the half-

time whistle when Djukic failed to hold his shot.

In the second half, Djukic, the Croat keeper, who played in the State squad trials, was replaced by Boebetic, who brought off some terrific saves in the latter stages of the game and kept the Italians from adding to their score.

Summing-up: Juventus were never fully extended and could with steadiness and poise have reached double figures before half-time. Biro, Kenny and Griggs were their key men.

In a mediocre Croat team which tried hard without achieving much substitute keeper Boebetic was their star while Pomahac was worth a mention.

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J.U.S.T. WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH

George Cross 4, J.U.S.T. 0, at Olympic Park

George Cross played their liveliest game for many weeks to beat a jaded J.U.S.T. 4-0 at Olympic Park last Saturday. This win has put the Cross within "shooting" distance of the State League Championship.

Using "safety first" methods, both teams opened up warily. J.U.S.T. had players Mladenovic and Rusic injured and out of the game, whilst George Cross was reinforced by the return to fitness of captain Don Hodgson.

FIRST SHOT

It was Hodgson who had first shot at goal within 10 minutes, hitting an upright. J.U.S.T. was unlucky when Marinovic tried from the edge of the penalty box.

George Cross went ahead after 18 minutes with a picture penalty goal by McKenna. From then on it was no stopping the confident George Cross team.

J.U.S.T. broke down on their attacks when getting to the George Cross defenders Muscat, Falzon and Sacco. Schumacher, Marinovic and Jagodic were all trying hard.

Gibb, at centre-forward raced to the right wing, beat Grego and centred perfectly for recent arrival Archie Campbell to head nearly past Jan-kovic to give George Cross a two-goal lead at half-time.

George Cross supporters groaned when referee Mr Lamb ruled offside after Gibb had headed in a Campbell centre.

Gibb made amends shortly afterwards when heading into an empty net after a Copeland centre had been touched to the right wing by goalie Jankovic and lobbed back to the centre again by Terry.

From then on J.U.S.T. could do no right. Time and again they tried to clear their defence back-line but the forwards were not combining together and this allowed the Cross half-backs McKenna and Schroeder to keep feeding their forwards.

DON'S GOAL

Captain Don Hodgson completed the scoring in the 75th minute. When banging at goal from 30 yards, Jankovic appeared to have the shot covered but somehow dropped the ball and it rolled under his hands and body into the net.

J.U.S.T. left-half Buha left the field minutes from time with an injury.

Summing-up: J.U.S.T. were only a shadow of their former selves, with little or no understanding between forwards and defence. This allowed George Cross to dictate the speed and style of play; their passing was much improved and the goals followed automatically.

cally. George Cross were showing some of their early season form and teams above them in the league table will have to watch their step if they have to play the Cross again before the season is over.

POLONIA GO DOWN

S.M.-Hellas 3, Polonia 1, at Olympic Park

Hellas beat Polonia 3-1 in a game where the result did not give a true and accurate rating of the football played by the losers at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Giving their fans something to shout about, Hellas opened the scoring within minutes of the kick-off with a goal by left winger Johnny Bedford. It was a well taken shot from 15 yards.

Lolly Vella was blinded by the sun when trying to head for goal.

Just when Polonia were setting up among their forwards, Lolly Vella, on the right wing, was ordered off after a clash with Papadopoulos.

Polonia continued to worry the Hellas defence without appearing dangerous, whilst Hellas' approach work was pretty to watch, but without any constructive shots at goal.

Half-time came with no goals on the board.

Hellas, sensing they had the upper hand with only 10 opponents, attacked repeatedly until they finally broke down the Polonia

resistance to score their second goal.

Inside forward Kambo-ropoulos set up the goal after he had his shot knocked down by keeper Gronowski, the ball rolled to Hatzeletheriou, who found the net from close in.

Polonia, stung into attack, threw themselves into the game and put up more fight than the Hellas boys expected.

Szygalski shot goalwards to allow Dronia to re-direct the flight of the ball with his head into the Hellas goal.

Many watchers thought that it may have been offside. Dronia, Szygalski, Dronia, Gronowski and Czerzanski battled on gamely under the heavy handicap of having to race around the field wherever the ball went. Tony Vella was up in attack and down in defence whenever needed.

Just before the end Hellas scored their final goal when Tsalakis raced through to beat Gronowski from 12 yards.

Summing up: Hellas won by a clear margin of goals, but the moral victory went to Polonia for putting up a good fight. Polonia officials and players could resume that their side may have earned a draw if not handicapped to 10 men.

Polonia will play worse and win games. Hellas are going to take a lot of shifts from the top of the ladder and many people will be right in stating that they won't be moved.

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Melbourne knock Hakoah's title hopes

Melbourne 1, Hakoah 0, at McDonald Reserve, Hawthorn.

THE first half was highlighted by a great shot by Terry Hartley which hit the cross bar and a brilliant header by centre-forward McQuillan of Hakoah, which goalie Albers saved brilliantly.

Melbourne's two youngsters, Menich and Silver, were showing up well, but hesitancy by the home forwards lost several good scoring opportunities.

An early goal on resumption by Weinberg, of Melbourne, rocked the Hakoah side

For long periods in the second half it was the Hakoah forwards versus the Melbourne defence, and only some brilliant goal-keeping by Albers kept the points with the homesters.

Summing up: Melbourne's quick goal on resumption "rocked" Hakoah and their defence, inspired by keeper Albers, didn't falter, especially under strong second-half pressure. Albers, Pribil, Garrett and Jubaz played magnificently for Melbourne.

For the first time in many weeks Hakoah failed to press home their territorial advantage . . . they

tried everything they knew to penetrate the Melbourne goal, but lack of variation of tactics was their undoing. The three "H's" — Haynes, Hartley and Hucker — were their best players.

ZOOM LENS

ON THE STATE LEAGUE

By DUNCAN McDUGALL

The best game of the current season, it is that attendances at Olympic Park this year, compared with the figure of last year.

WILHELMINA ARE STILL NOT SETTLED

Wilhelmina and the club's administration has weeks. The most important of a new players' committee, on a lower scale, but player-coach Ollie Norris is the club's best hope.

Four points separate the club and dealing with all the players. They also have a new Lions' coach, but every week and their decision ahead of him to get the full team into real physical shape, a job which he is a professional.

Having been put on the "export market" De Bruckerye is virtually a free transfer player, and he is showing his faith in the club, irrespective of the time of the year.

If he does sign for the club, it is to be serious wife, Jane. Married only last year, he has hoped that the present for Australia, David has soccer administrators.

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Wilhelmina are far from being a settled combination yet; even taking injuries into account, their form last week against Lions was not impressive. The time-worn Van Alphen switch was brought into action before the defence was steadied and goals scored.

Even if they continue with last week's team the Dutchmen will be stronger, physically and mentally, for the continually struggling Moreland, now deep in the relegation morass.

If their injuries permit, Norris may be included at centre-forward, allowing Van Alphen to remain in his much happier spot in midfield.

Erasmus and Brouwer could return to their usual defensive position if, like Norris, they are declared fit.

With Heath kicking-off the goal line again last week, it could point to a goalkeeper necessary first on the list.

In spite of their atrociously bad luck, Moreland are struggling along with more zest than of late. Whyman at centre-half plays it hard and with Stewart could subdue the equally tough Norris. Playing against his old team, Keuken, now performing creditably at half-back, will be forcing on Moreland's two most promising forwards, Kirkpatrick and Richmond. But I doubt very much if even their efforts will put Moreland even within smelling distance of two points.

J.U.S.T. FLOUNDERING

A few weeks ago I would have said that J.U.S.T. would account for Slavia even at Port Melbourne. Today the issue is very much in doubt; so much so that this will be the crowd pleasing game of the day.

J.U.S.T. must be the most disappointed club in the league. Playing well at the season's entry, they are now, since the advent of the imported "internationals", floundering uncertainly in mid-stream.

Alec Beattie, even on one of his worst days, with his acting, grumbling and gesticulating would still have shown the present J.U.S.T. forward line the direct method of goal scoring.

The present J.U.S.T. inside-forwards work hard, but to a large degree too elaborately and their final moves are wasted. It could be that with their previous clubs Miladenovic and Marinovic were accustomed to a centre and winger who could shoot.

This accustomed service is lacking at the moment with the Yugoslavs, but Doherty was met at the airport by leading Slavia officials.

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UK STAR TO PLAY HERE ?

A top English soccer player arrived in Melbourne yesterday.

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McNEIL JOINS STH. COAST UTD.

Ron McNeil, the former Moreland and Victorian player, has now been transferred to South Coast United, where he's playing alongside Jimmy Kelly, the former Blackpool and England star.

McNeil was recently suspended for playing for South Coast while he was still a registered Moreland player.

—Jim Cook.

CLIVE SMITH IS A REAL SPORT

ONE of the most disappointed spectators at Olympic Park recently was Clive Smith, Melbourne's goalkeeper and ex-Aussie Rules player.

Although his team won two valuable points at the expense of Polonia, Clive was a very disappointed young man, he had set his heart on playing at Olympic Park and was hoping to prove to his critics that despite losing 10 goals in one match he was good enough to hold his position as goalkeeper in State League soccer.

I talked with Clive and I found him to be a sincere and keen young man. Instead of being bitter against his critics he rather welcomed it as a challenge.

I asked Clive why he switched from Rules to soccer and was amazed to find that he was originally a soccer player, having played for Essendon juniors for about three years.

Why did he leave soccer for Aussie Rules? "Well," he said, "Aussie Rules are claimed to be our national game, and as I am an Australian I thought I'd give it a go, and find out for myself which game I preferred."

"As to which game I found most enjoyable I don't have to tell you, as here I am, back at soccer again."

Clive is a school-teacher in Brunswick, where he coaches the school's Rules team, but he admitted that at lunch time he gets out a round ball and has an impromptu coaching class with the many kids interested in soccer.

This attitude towards sport by Clive is a thing rarely seen, and is most commendable, as a certain amount of bitterness between the two codes seems to be the order of the day, and no one participant of any one code seems to have the love for SPORT to courage or foster in any way any code other than that which they play.

If this attitude was a bit more common among sportsmen a closer bond between the two codes would be established. Kids at school would have the opportunity to follow and take part in the particular sport of their liking, instead of standard methods of play this else.

On behalf of all sports lovers we wish Clive all the best in his sport which he undoubtedly loves and hope he can find some more of it.

—Andrew Johnston

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LOOK OUT FOR OLLIE

Ollie Norris, of Wilhelmina, was sitting on the sidelines against Lions last week under doctor's orders.

The previous week Ollie had eight stitches inserted in a cut over the eye.

This was not the first time this had happened, a Ollie's fearless type of play has led to many such injuries throughout a long and successful career.

After six seasons with Middleborough, Ollie was the hero of a brilliant career by Third Division Bournemouth, in which they beat Wolves 1-0 and Tottenham 3-1 at home before succumbing to Manchester United in the six-round.

In the final game they were leading 1-0 until seven minutes from the end, when the brilliant Busby Bab rattled in two.

Wilhelmina have still chance of finishing on top and in a tight situation have just the man for the job in Ollie Norris, who despite the eight stitches should return to the field on Saturday against Moreland.

Metropolitan Round up

Barry Oldfield, who has played for Brighton for the past four years, has been moved to Sydney in his employment. He is now playing for second division team Maitland. He was married just before he left Melbourne.

Alexander Kostovsky, 29, Makedonia's newly arrived goalkeeper, was seriously hurt in last Saturday's Makedonia - Brighton game. He was accidentally kicked in the ribs, and was taken after the game to St. Vincent's Hospital. Mr Peter Daniels, club secretary, thinks Kostovsky may have suffered a break to at least one rib. Alexander looks as though he could be out for some time.

There was one change in the Coburg line-up last week, but it produced many positional changes. J. McFall was unavailable and Alec Cairns was moved from centre-half to left-back, and Steve Light was promoted to fill a vacant position at outside-right.

Coburg's social night, previously listed in this column as last Saturday, will be held on July 28.

University's a d l y missed their star inside-forward Angus Drennan last week against Sicilia. His deep-seated back injury has improved rapidly over recent weeks, but he expects to be out for at least another two weeks.

Former Heidelberg players Frank and Chris Shanahan, who have recently transferred to Sicilia, are quickly forming a dynamic right-wing partnership. Both players scored goals against University last week, and both were among their club's best players.

Williamstown, who appear assured of promotion to the First North with Coburg, are a young team with an average age of 22. The oldest player is 30-year-

old Bob Gabrielle and youngest, 19-year-old George Kish.

Williamstown vice-president, Mr L. Assman, is "very happy with the position Williamstown are in. It is the first time in history that Williamstown have played so many goals," he said.

Vlador Provok, 21, who was seriously injured in the mystery explosion at Fitzroy, will return to the field soon. Doctors have given him permission to play.

The happiest soccer players in Melbourne last Saturday could have been Sandringham Juniors when their new shirts were issued.

Essendon and Croatia have settled their dispute concerning Essendon junior Bill Voltek. He is firmly established as a senior player with Croatia.

Overseas teams may visit Aust.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday—International teams, as well as teams from several world-famous soccer clubs, are anxious to tour Australia as soon as the ban imposed by the International Federation is lifted.

The chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation, Dr Henry Seamonds, announcing this in Adelaide, said that teams from Sweden, Costa Rica and the Greek Army team were "nibbling" at an Australian tour.

Dr Seamonds and the ASF secretary, Mr R. Clark, are in Adelaide to see the progress of the Steering Committee which is handling the amalgamation of Federation and Association clubs.

Dr Seamonds said the recent meeting of the Australian Federation management committee held in Sydney had considered proposals to set up a national insurance plan for players and to compile a national register.

Players ultimately would be given identity cards carrying the player's photograph and signature and the stamp of his State controlling body.

No player would be permitted to play in another State without such a card. This would stop poaching.

DE BRUCKYERE IS LIONS COACH

Surprise news of the week was the appointment of Mike de Bruck-yere as coach of Lions.

After many years with Wertheim, Mike left the Dutch club under a cloud of secrecy and intrigue a few weeks back.

Don't be surprised if the estrangement is short-lived and a reconciliation is reached soon.

CROATIA LOSE THEIR RECORD

By ONLOOKER

Croatia, who were thought to be unbeatable, suffered their first loss of the season last Saturday to equal-bottom team Collingwood. It exemplifies once more the evenness of all teams in this competition.

Sicilia, who were equal bottom with Collingwood, kept their hoodoo over University when they beat them 2-1. In the six matches played between both clubs, University have never won.

In the other leagues, Richmond, Coburg and Triestina all lead their competitions, but are being hard pressed.

FIRST NORTH

Croatia, who lost their first match, faces a tough game away to Fiorentina, and there is every possibility that the Italians could gain a draw.

Collingwood, after their excellent victory last week, have been replaced on the bottom of the ladder by Maccabi. Both teams meet this Saturday and the brilliant form and never-give-in spirit of Collingwood should see them through to victory.

Sicilia, who also moved away from the relegation zone, faces a tough match against Sunshine City. I am predicting a victory for Sicilia and this will further complicate the relegation picture.

Only one game this week appears cut and dried. That is the match between Box Hill and Heidelberg. This game should be won by Box Hill in a commanding fashion.

Corio, at home to Uni-versity, stay away from the relegation zone if they beat the students. The boys from Geelong won easily the last time they played University, but although they should win it will not be so easy.

In the remaining game Alexander and Moonee Ponds should play a draw.

FIRST SOUTH

Saturday's round of

matches will be one of the most interesting this season, and upsets could result in many games.

League leader Richmond travels to Fern-tree Gully for a game which could be marked down as a certain victory for the Germans. However, the Gully boys are playing strongly and could cause an upset.

The same thing could happen when Sandringham travel to Geelong. The Hammers should gain the points after a struggle.

Austria, closely follow-

BOX HILL'S BIG LOSS

Box Hill Soccer Club lost one of their best supporters last Friday, when the death occurred of Mr Syd Cobb, of Elder St. Blackburn.

Mr Cobb, 54, was a member of the committee and until a few weeks before his ill health he was regularly watching Saturday games.

Syd was a contributor to last year's Soccer News and used to write under the name of C. H. Elsea, which means Chelsea, the English club he used to follow back home.

Syd had been connected to Box Hill since 1951 and was a hard-working commit-tee-man.

He is survived by a wife and two sons.

The funeral took place at Le Pine's, Box Hill, on Tuesday.

★ YOUR MATCH REPORTS ★

BRIGHTON-MAKEDONIA

In a hard and sometimes tough game, Brighton drew with Makedonia. Spectators on the sidelines enjoyed a torrid time for the referee, Makedonia scored from a penalty early in the second-half through N. Vournazos and Brighton replied in minutes later through a direct free kick taken by Langdon. Best for Brighton—Hunt, Langdon.

COBURG-I.C.I.

I.C.I. began with the wind but Coburg attacked early. G. Thacker in goal for I.C.I. made three good saves in the first 15 minutes. I.C.I. attacked and David Brown did well to block a shot from D. Little. Coburg returned to the attack and in the 30th minute Frank Loughran scored with a 25-yard drive that entered the top corner of the net. I.C.I. stormed back into attack and equalised through K. Hitchins in about the 40th minute.

In the second-half Coburg with the wind behind them attacked steadily for 30 minutes. Norm Miller cut in from the left wing and struck the cross-bar with the "keeper beaten. I.C.I. had about seven men in defence and bottled up the goalmouth. In the 85th minute Cecil Early scored Coburg's second goal from a pass from the centre-half.

UNIVERSITY-SICILIA

Sicilia fully deserved their victory against University. First to the ball they continually brushed the bizzar and heavier University side away from the half. The students had over 70 per cent of the attack, but could not convert any oppor-

unities up forward. The students were first to score with a lucky goal, but Sicilia fought back to equalise in the first half due to a defensive mistake. An opportunistic goal in the second half by Frank Shanahan gave Sicilia victory. Best players University—Zelovsky, Curtis, Sicilia—Frank and Chris Shanahan, Vivoli.

KENSINGTON-PRAHRAN

No score was recorded by either side up to half-time. Prahran opened through left-winger Reichter, who put in a hard shot which Kensington goalkeeper Bertochi could only partially stop. Then trouble started. Immediately the referee signalled a goal, he was besieged by protesting Kensington players, and names were taken.

After 65 minutes Kensington equalised when a harmless looking lob slipped out of the grasp of Prahran goalkeeper Rodgers and found the net, and two minutes later they went ahead when the slippery ball once again deceived goalkeeper Rodgers.

After the game, referee Mr Robert N. Craig said that four players would be reported.

SANDY - BAYSWATER

Bayswater were the fastest team at Olive Street this year and used their first-half wind advantage well. They extended the Sandy defence, although they had few direct shots at goal. After 20 minutes Sandy misjudged a long shot and palmed into his own net, one of his few errors of the season. Bayswater lacked method in attack, but their keen defence made Sandy fight hard for the equaliser in the 78th

minute when Whitham passed to Ball who netted. In the 80th minute Hyndman took a clever corner on right wing, which spun into net without being stopped. Best for Sandringham—Greenhill, Hyndman, Whitham.

BOX HILL 2, MACCABI 1
Box Hill were first to score when Kerski received a good pass from Redhouse. At half-time Box Hill led 1-0. In the second-half, Maccabi equalised when Hazar was caught off balance. Voice put in a good cross from a corner kick, and Westweld headed into the open goal.

Best for Box Hill—Westweld, Keys, Rae.

SECOND NORTH

Perhaps the most improved team in this competition over the past five or six weeks has been Essendon, a young club. They have given the teams a fright, and against C'wealth. Bank should record yet another victory.

League leaders Coburg and Williamstown fair tough matches again, but they should overcome the opposition and record victories.

In the other matches Norlane-Olympia should beat Seymour, St Albans will record a victory against WWF and I should lose Bendigo.

SECOND SOUTH

Triestina will have to play their very best if they are to beat fellow Italians—Kensington. The team that wins will know its opponents' secret of the promotion picture.

At the other end of the ladder, Croydon, who heretofore had all sea without much success, should beat Sunshine Heights.

In the other matches Frankston, South Yarra, Park Rangers and Ringwood should beat Prahran, Moorabbin, FND and Rosebud.

Will we become world soccer force?

Although no official announcement has been made following the meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation in Sydney, the experts are tipping the ban placed on Australia by FIFA will be lifted, writes Tom McKain in the Adelaide Truth.

Representatives of the world controlling body are expected to visit Australia next month.

If all goes well, writes

FOR JULY

Juventus 4, Croatia 0,

TWO goals by Biro and

and seventeenth min-

hopes Croatia may have had

In midfield Croatia were

more than holding their

own with the veteran

Sal and Lucnik trying

hard to prompt their

forwards, who were

shot shy.

In a concentrated spell

of pressure before half-

time, Juventus added an-

other two goals.

The first, a shot by

Biro, hit the upright and

was deflected into his own

net by Peter Carroll, the

former George Cross

player. Acunzo added an-

other just on the half-

GO DOWN

onia 1, at Olympic Park

resistance to score their

second goal.

Inside forward Kambo-

ropoulos set up the goal

after he had his shot

knocked down by keeper

Gronowski, the ball rolled

to Hatzelstheriou, who

found the net from close in.

Polonia, stung into attack,

threw themselves into the

game and put up more

fight than the Hellas boys

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By DON SUTHERLAND



AT THE MEETING of the Federation Council last week the matter of protests over alleged ineligible players was finally settled. It was agreed, as a gesture of unity and equality, to rescind previous decisions awarding points to South Melb.-Hellas and Juventus and to restore such points to Slavia. However, it was decided to firmly reprimand clubs who have played ineligible players. Whilst no protests or complaints will be heard concerning games played prior to 17th July, any breaches of the rules occurring after this date will be firmly dealt with according to the Constitution.

WHILST WE HAVE all been aware of the greater public interest which has been displayed towards soccer in Victoria during the current season, it is highly pleasing to note that attendances at Olympic Park this season are almost 10,000 up on last year's figures. The 26 playing days at Olympic Park this season have been attended by the official number of 148,823 spectators, compared with the figure of 138,975 to the same period last year.

CONSIDERABLE REORGANISATION of the Wilhelmina Soccer Club's administration has taken place over recent weeks. The most important change is the formation of a new players' committee, which has appointed popular player-coach Ollie Norris as their chairman. The players' committee has the responsibility of running the club and dealing with all problems in connection with the players. They also have the unenviable task of selecting the team. The players' committee of five will meet every week and their decisions, which are subject to the approval of the full committee, will be circulated to all players. At this first meeting the new committee formulated some very interesting proposals which should improve the general working and morale of the club.

Wilhelmina are to be congratulated on the originality of the new administration and the success of the move will be closely watched by many other clubs.

Ollie Norris, who was playing his best game to date for Wilhelmina against Slavia recently, suffered a bad gash over the left eye in a clash of heads and subsequently received eight stitches, which may keep him out for a few games. Besides coaching Wilhelmina juniors twice a week, Ollie is showing his faith in the development of junior talent by coaching Victorian juniors on Sundays.

Further items of interest from Wilhelmina are the arrival of ex-Wimbledon Reserves (U.K.) player David Heywood with his attractive wife, Jane. Married only a few weeks before sailing for Australia, David has already performed well on the forward-line and should prove a real asset to the club. Leo Janssen recently returned to his old berth of 'keeper of the 1st XI' following a long spell in the reserves, after a knee

operation late last year. Leo is in fine form and is again showing that he is one of Victoria's most reliable goal-keepers.

THE METROPOLITAN League Management Committee meets tonight for the first time this season. A considerable number of urgent matters which have stacked up through the season will be dealt with. It is likely that the committee will call a meeting of all metropolitan clubs in the near future with the object of drawing up a full program designed to assist the progress of all minor league clubs. Whilst council has appointed a temporary chairman, the full meeting of all metropolitan clubs will be asked to recommend to council the permanent election of one of the six Metropolitan council members as the appointed chairman for the remainder of the season.

DURING A DISCUSSION on the progress of our official newspaper, "Soccer Weekly," at the last council meeting the VSF publicity chairman, Mr John van Hoboken, was accorded a round of applause for the wonderful work he has just put into the production and distribution of the newspaper. Between five and six-thousand copies are now being printed and circulated each week, which is approximately double the number of previous years. I have been a regular contributor to the official soccer newspaper for some six or seven years now, but I can safely say that the standard of this season's "Soccer Weekly" is far ahead of previous years. I am sure that all soccer followers will endorse council's recognition of Mr van Hoboken's vision and wholehearted effort, which has led to the availability, for the first time ever, of a Victorian soccer newspaper at many newsagents throughout the city and metropolitan area. The decision of council to accept Mr van Hoboken's recommendation to produce "Soccer Weekly" for 52 weeks of the year will be welcomed by all soccer fans. You can now place an order with your newsagent for the delivery of "Soccer Weekly" all the year round, and thus keep fully up-to-date with all events in the soccer world, both here and overseas.

THE SUCCESS OF THE Bayswater Soccer Club in their first season in First Division is one of the outstanding features of the Metropolitan Leagues in the current season. Popular club secretary Heinz Vullmer, who was one of the "foundation" members of the Victorian Soccer Federation, has put many years of hard work into the building-up of the Bayswater club. With a capable president, Englishman Bill Robertson, heading an enthusiastic committee, the club should have little difficulty in consolidating their present position. Steady progress is being made towards ground improvements. In addition to a major drainage project which was completed just before the season opened, floodlights have now been erected and additional lighting will be added in the near future. Congratulations, Bayswater, and good luck for the future!

WHILST ON THE SUBJECT of ground improvements, Sandringham City Soccer Club gratefully acknowledge the action of the Sandringham City Council in commencing major improvements to the pavilion at their Alvie Street ground. The Sandringham Council has allocated over £2000 for improvements to the pavilion and clubrooms, and amenities nearing completion include a new toilet block and hot showers. The lead given by the Sandringham Council in endeavoring to provide good facilities for all sporting bodies in their municipality, including soccer, could well be followed by many other city councils.

The Sandringham Soccer Club's great bid for the premiership and promotion to the State League is arousing great interest in the area and the "Hammers" band of supporters is growing week by week.

HUB VLEUGELS, Wilhelmina's young half-back, who has been playing in the reserves recently, following a temporary loss of form, was recently joined in this country by both his parents and his fiancée. Last Saturday week, all these events led to a happy conclusion when Hub married his attractive fiancée. The happy couple are now settling down to married life and Hub continues to improve in his endeavor to regain a place in the 1st XI.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It's harder to lose well than it is to win well!

JUST drops out of the race for the title

When J.U.S.T. did a Kings Bridge and collapsed under the weight and pressure of George Cross last Saturday, it lost its last chance for both the championship and the "final four". In the five rounds to go, J.U.S.T. meets Hellas, Wilhelmina, Slavia, Melbourne and Moreland. It is unlikely to add more than seven match points to the 20 points it now holds — and 27 points will not take J.U.S.T. into the "four".

J.U.S.T. started on the wrong foot last week when two of its stars, Rasic and Madenovic, were unable to play because of unhealed injuries.

The Yugoslavs conceded four goals to George Cross last Saturday. That's exactly the number of goals they had yielded in their previous SIX games.

Heavyweight centre-forward Jagodic was again a disappointment against George Cross. He paid the usual forfeit paid by any forward who doesn't battle for chances — he just doesn't get any!

While young George Cross right-winger Archie Campbell held his position early in the game, J.U.S.T. full-back Grego had him well cowered. Then the little Scot started to move and, much to the pleasure of the fans, showed just how brainy and elusive he can be.

Judging by the shocked look on the face of half-pint full-back Eddie Saeo after he had collided with burly Jagodic and finished underneath, he must have felt that the grandstand had fallen on him.

After George Cross had polished off J.U.S.T., the HERALD'S Bill Fleming said that the legitimate odds on the race for the championship are now three-to-one against the field BAR ONE. But he still won't name THE ONE!

But who can it be except Hellas? Team-fiddling cost Wilhelmina its chance. Major injuries and transfers did the same to George Cross. Juventus and Hakoah are too inconsistent. Hellas has the form and hit the top at exactly the right time.

Dutch goalie Tony Albers played a blinder and paved the way for Melbourne's shock win over Hakoah last week. He saved at least six certain goals by efforts that can only be described as superhuman.

With Wilhelmina, J.U.S.T., Melbourne, Hellas, and Juventus left to play in its last five rounds, Moreland has a difficult task

ahead and could finish the season pointless. If this eventuates, it will be the first time in memory that this has happened to a senior-league side.

What seemed like an ordinary shirt-fronting collision between Lolly Vella and Papadopoulos at the 35-minute mark in last Sunday's game ended with a stunning surprise. Something most unusual must have happened in that split-second peak-load clinch to cause Lolly to react as he did — and his unfortunate reaction got him sent off.

Playing with only 10 men for the last 55 minutes, Polonia made a bold showing against Hellas, and earned the big crowd's approval. Its gallant effort made the game a thriller and belied the result.

Both Hellas and Polonia appeared to have had the good fortune of being credited with offside goals. Since it was one each, different decisions wouldn't have altered the result.

Horst Zielinski of George Cross is hoping to get the plaster off his broken leg this week. Starting a holiday in Cairns he has moved to Brisbane and has written to his club the good news. If all goes well he will be back in Melbourne in time for the George Cross v. Hellas clash at Olympic Park.

Silver and Menich are two names that Hakoah will not forget for some time. Why? They are the names of two ex-

MATCH POINTS

juniors with Melbourne who helped their club beat Hakoah 1-0 last week.

George Cross saw the Federation film REAL MADRID v. EINTRECHT, 1960 European Cup Final before going out to beat J.U.S.T. 4-0 last Saturday. Could be a good tip for other clubs.

Bill Fleming is still not telling who his tip is for the State League championship, but we overheard him asking a well-known Federation official what the Greek word was for "cheers" in the Olympic Park bar last Saturday.

Slavia are more than worried about centre-half John Berry, who is reported out of the game with a troubled stomach. Let's hope he is back soon!

"1 in 20,000" is the title of a documentary film, but that's what you will be if at Olympic Park on Sunday, 5th August (see next week's fixtures on page 7).

Wilhelmina are the "dark-horse" tip for the championship after studying the remaining fixture list.

Croatia will hold a dance at Kensington Town Hall this Saturday.

Maltese National Day is Saturday, September 8. Celebrating with a Ball at the Exhibition Building. Tickets are hard to get now. What if it turns into a combined Championship Ball for the Maltese?

Bank man named Junior treasurer

Bruce Tuck, 36, a former Olympic Park official, is the newly-appointed Junior Soccer Federation Treasurer.

Bruce is well known to Federation officials for his courtesy as a Park official. During the past six years he has been on the change box, turnstiles and officer-in-charge of room 21, which is used by Federation officials and guests.

Bruce is employed by the ES & A Bank Ltd at their head office in Collins Street.

He also is a soccer man, having played interschool competitive soccer and in senior competition. Hence the reason for his enthusiasm in junior soccer. Bruce has not always found his important job easy in controlling the entry into room 21 at the Park.

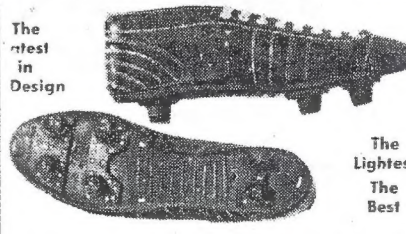
He told Soccer Weekly: "Sometimes I have to deal with very aggressive supporters who try to force their way into the room without proper credentials."

"This makes my job very difficult. I try to please as many club officials as possible but I am there to do a job — and I have always done it to the best of my ability without showing any favoritism."



Bruce will take over his duties as junior treasurer on August 3.

At present Don Joiner has the dual office of secretary-treasurer, and Bruce's appointment will relieve Don of some of his many duties.



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Junior committee is formed in Geelong

By ALBERT MERRILLS

Junior Soccer Federation Committee members, led by Mr R. Harvey, went to Geelong last Sunday and formed a Junior Committee from the 19 members attending from Geelong Soccer clubs.

Mr Pettig, of Corio, was elected chairman, and Mr Morris, of Geelong Scottish, dep. chairman. Secretary - treasurer is Mr McKenzie, also of Geelong Scottish.

Other committee members are Mr Patrick (Geelong Scottish), Mr Westphal (Corio), Mr Aerts (Norlane Olympia) and Mr Simunisch (Bell Park).

This committee will hold its first meeting at the Corio clubroom on August 2 at 8 p.m.

Four Melbourne junior teams also went to Geelong to play friendly games against the newly formed teams in the Geelong area.

Ardeer under-16's won a hard-fought game against Corio, 4-1, Saba scoring the goal for the home team.

Two under-14 teams played, Olympia downing Geelong Scottish 5-1, with R. Ballantyne scoring for Geelong; and North Sun-

shine defeating Norlane-Olympia 3-0.

The highlight was the game in the under-12 section with Deer Park beating Bell Park 2-0.

These midgelets surprised the crowd with their ability to kick and control the ball.

The newly-formed Geelong teams showed up well and all credit must go to the coaches and other committee members who have done a remarkable job in the short time they had to prepare.

The afternoon was well organised and a large crowd attended.

Now that junior soccer is launched in Geelong it is hoped that all clubs in Geelong will sponsor a junior team.

NO DRAWS

Last weekend also brought the quarter-finals of all junior cups and there were no drawn games.

One of the hardest fought matches was between Brighton and Melbourne under-18's, with Brighton winning by the

odd goal in seven.

In the first half, Brighton were assisted by the strong wind and at half-time had a 4-1 lead. This gave them confidence and in the second half they defended doggedly against a determined Melbourne side who scored two goals and fought hard to obtain an equaliser.

Goalscorers: Melbourne — Biro, Gombos and Suly. Brighton — Kaptis 2 and Dancer 2.

This result puts Melbourne out of the cup, and gives Brighton a chance to do the double if they can repeat this performance when the two teams meet again for the League Championship in four weeks' time.

Wilhelmina under-16's

were well beaten by North Sunshine, 7-1. Scorers for North: Blank, Knot, Olinowskyj and Ziemnicki.

NEW TEAM

Junior chairman Mr R. Harvey, with secretary Don Joiner, helped to form an under-18 team at the Watsonia Technical School.

This team will take the place of Essendon in the under-18 section "A" and for the time being all games will be played away.

OFFICIAL NOTE

Club secretaries, please note. St Albans HASK have a new ground at Fox Street, off Arthur Street, St Albans.

Ground...going going...GONE!

This is the story of the soccer ground that nobody wants... the former rubbish tip, Collier Park, Preston.

At present it is on lease to Croat but so far this season they haven't used it. But they've spent enough money on improving it (£2000 according to one official) and they don't feel inclined to spend any more.

Why? Well, they're not too keen about "investing" any more money in the ground because they believe they'll get the order of the boot from the Preston Council soon.

And according to one Croat official this week, this will mean only one thing — the ground will be given over to Rules.

Last week the Preston Post said the local council was concerned at the lack of toilet facilities at Collier Park and they were to examine the lease to see if they can force Croat to provide a toilet block.

Said Croat treasurer Harry Mrksa yesterday: "We've spent enough on the ground — and we're

certainly not spending any more if we're going to lose it to another code."

HAKOAH CLUB'S SOCIAL PLANS

The present Hakoah supporters' club which started about three months ago has proved an overwhelming success.

Mrs Alexander, mother of Johnny Alexander, Hakoah's left full-back, and Mrs N. Simon, wife of the chairman of Hakoah Soccer Section, are in sole control and have already run a successful theatre night and are at present organising a bus trip to the snow at Donna Buang.

Three buses are already required for the trip on August 5 but seats can still be booked, adults \$1, children 10/-, by ringing Mrs Alexander, XJ 1021.

Buses leave Hakoah ground at Middle Park at 8 a.m.

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If you are successful, you must claim by phoning Mr Ian Davies, at BM5309, on Monday morning following the weekend games.

Here is the coupon for this weekend's games. Mark SEVEN X's by the seven teams you think will draw this weekend. Do not make any alterations, otherwise your coupon will be declared void.

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With the proposed merger of Croat and Croatia comes interesting news of another possible unity.

George Cross and Moreland are the two clubs concerned.

George Cross, who find the financial strain of playing at the Showgrounds heavy, particularly as their support has dropped with their recent run of "outs", have their eyes on Moreland's ground.

Moreland, whose results this season look like taking them out of top class soccer for ever, are loath to let one of Victoria's oldest clubs lose its identity.

Whatever the outcome, it is to be hoped that sentimentality can be replaced by good sense and a solution in the best interests of the game can be achieved.

POOLS PUNTERS' CORNER

Here's how all Australian

League soccer tables stood on July 15. They will help overseas pools punters with their weekly forecasts:

NSW NORTH

	HOME	AWAY
Ad'la	14 5 1 15 5	6 0 1 24 11 23
Albion	13 5 0 20 13	1 2 2 15 19
Armidale	14 1 2 18 11	4 1 2 18 16
Wend	14 4 3 23 13	4 1 2 24 12 17
W. W. W.	14 4 1 2 15 19	3 0 4 16 11 15
C'neck	13 1 3 11 10	2 2 12 15 15
Cardiff	14 4 1 2 17 12	1 0 6 9 24 11
N'castle	13 3 4 20 21	1 0 6 9 19 7
M'field	14 2 0 16 24	1 1 5 14 21 7
M'will	14 1 5 8 21	2 1 4 18 21 5

NSW 1st DIVISION

Apia	15 6 0 1 26 5	4 2 2 17 15 25
Budapest	15 2 2 3 28 29	6 0 1 23 13 20
B'own	16 3 2 4 16 18	5 0 2 18 9 18
Hellonic	14 3 1 20 11	4 1 2 15 12 15
Yugall	14 1 3 19 16	1 4 1 15 14 15
Frugue	14 1 3 19 16	1 4 1 15 14 15
S. Coast	15 5 0 3 13 13	2 0 4 13 13 14
Ch'ury	15 2 2 2 28 28	1 1 6 14 17 10
Palania	15 2 4 10 17	1 4 1 15 11 18
G'ville	15 1 2 10 9	0 0 7 4 21 10
Auburn	14 3 0 3 13 14	0 1 7 5 26 7

NSW 2nd DIVISION

Croatia	13 6 0 0 23 3	4 1 2 19 5 21
Syd. Aus.	15 4 0 22 5	4 0 3 17 12 19
W'rim	15 1 1 14 6	0 0 3 17 12 19
G'ville	15 2 2 21 13	3 1 1 15 9 17
Cor.	15 2 3 7 8	4 2 2 21 16 17
S'land	14 1 1 13 16	2 2 2 12 15 15
Manly	14 2 0 15 9	2 2 2 12 15 15
C'cardia	14 2 1 4 18	2 1 4 12 21 19
T'gabbe	14 1 2 3 16	1 0 5 5 22 7
L'combe	14 1 0 7 14 13	1 0 5 10 31 4

QUEENSLAND 1st DIV.

Hellonic	15 6 0 1 28 5	7 0 3 22 5 26
Azzurri	15 7 0 1 32 41	3 1 3 14 12 21
Oxley	15 3 1 15 16	4 1 3 20 17 18
Thistle	15 3 1 11 11	3 2 3 20 15 15
Basin	15 2 2 3 17 17	2 2 3 21 21 11
Meriton	15 2 1 12 13	1 1 2 5 18 11
B'lane	15 2 3 22 28	2 2 3 22 12 13
St. Hel.	15 2 2 5 20	3 1 3 16 20 11
S'f'ndra	15 0 1 6 8	2 1 2 10 26 6

QUEENSLAND 2nd DIV.

Germ.	15 6 0 0 58 8	4 0 3 26 7 27
Dunipre	15 6 1 1 25 10	4 1 2 21 13 22
Redbk.	15 2 1 1 24 11	4 1 2 21 13 22
W'rim	15 2 1 1 24 11	4 1 2 21 13 22
B'rna	14 4 2 0 21 6	4 1 3 13 12 20
Palania	14 1 2 4 16 32	2 2 2 22 18 23
Unia	15 2 2 4 9 15	2 0 5 16 38 10
Penal	15 2 1 4 14 21	1 1 6 5 24 8
R'diffe	15 0 5 6 10 38	2 0 5 10 38 10
S'gate	15 0 1 6 4 28	2 0 5 7 40 3

SOUTH AUST. 1st DIV.

B'pest	13 4 0 1 0 17	3 2 1 12 7 21
Victoria	13 3 2 1 21 15	3 2 1 12 7 21
Croatia	13 3 2 1 19 13	2 0 3 9 11 16
Orange	13 3 0 3 14 12	3 2 2 13 13 14
Jaren	13 3 0 3 18 7	3 1 4 18 14 18
Lion	13 2 2 4 14 20	3 1 1 11 9 13
Polonia	13 1 3 1 9 10	3 1 4 23 21 12
C'land	13 2 1 3 10 14	3 0 4 14 15 11
B'kalla	13 2 0 5 12 15	2 1 3 10 11 9
Beograd	13 1 5 10 27	6 1 5 10 28 4

WEST. AUST. 1st DIV.

Azzurri	14 5 0 1 37 19	5 0 0 17 8 25
Tricol	13 5 1 1 20 5	4 0 2 24 11 19
Athens	14 4 1 3 14 12	3 2 1 13 5 17
Olympic	14 4 0 1 6 3	3 1 4 14 19 17
N. Perth	14 3 1 5 17 22	5 0 0 23 9 15
Sw. Ath.	14 4 0 2 21 16	3 1 4 28 19 12
W'ntail	13 2 0 2 11 6	4 0 5 16 19 15
C'evonia	14 1 0 5 10 24	2 0 6 18 26 6
St. Perth	14 2 0 6 12 29	0 1 5 10 17 6
F'ntile	14 1 2 4 33 33	0 0 7 9 35 4

WEST. AUST. 2nd DIV.

Sw. Val.	14 4 0 1 38 1	6 1 0 18 6 25
Kiev	14 4 0 1 40 7	6 0 1 41 9 24
Julia	14 4 2 0 25 10	4 2 1 25 12 22
Sp'ced.	14 4 1 3 21 15	5 0 1 23 6 19
Col'lon	14 4 1 3 26 14	3 1 3 22 22 6
Vantase	14 2 1 2 17 17	3 0 4 13 27 13
Subiaco	14 2 1 3 13 17	3 0 4 13 27 13
M'donia	14 2 0 2 18 22	3 0 3 12 14 12
M. Jer.	14 2 1 3 12 16	2 0 4 4 20 11
Alex.	14 2 1 5 13 31	1 0 5 3 28 7
Malla	14 1 1 8 9 12	1 1 7 14 19 8
C'ford	14 1 0 8 12 38	0 0 5 5 21 2

HERE ARE YOUR SOCCER DETAILS

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-HELLAS	17	12	1	4	40	15	25
JUVENUS	17	10	4	3	39	17	24
HAKOAH	17	10	3	4	32	19	23
WILHELMINA	17	8	6	3	35	22	22
GEORGE CROSS	17	9	3	5	35	21	21
J.U.S.T.	17	8	4	5	20	18	20
SLAVIA	17	7	5	5	26	22	19
POLONIA	17	6	2	9	21	23	14
MELBOURNE	17	6	2	9	22	37	14
CROAT	17	5	3	9	15	29	13
LIONS	17	3	3	11	16	35	9
MORELAND	17	0	0	17	11	54	0

(Games open 1.45 p.m. Kickoff 2.45 p.m.)

Sat., July 28: Hakoah v S.M.-Hellas.

Sun., July 29: Polonia v Juventus.

Saturday, August 4: South Melbourne-Hellas v

George Cross.

Sunday, August 5: S.M.-Hellas v George Cross.

Saturday, August 11: George Cross v Juventus.

Sunday, August 12: George Cross v Juventus.

Saturday, August 18: Melbourne v J.U.S.T.

Sunday, August 19: Melbourne v J.U.S.T.

Saturday, August 25: Wilhelmina v Melbourne.

Sunday, August 26: Wilhelmina v Melbourne.

(no curtain-raiser between Reserves or Metropolitan

teams will be played during July).

All matches subject to confirmation.

JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES

UNDER 12 ZONE "A"				
	W	B	L	P
Ardeer	9	1	1	15
Trident	8	3	6	10
Olympia	6	3	2	15
Deer Park	6	2	3	14
Sunshine	3	1	5	9
Sacred H.	3	1	7	7
E. St. Albans	2	1	9	5
Ajax	1	4	11	2

UNDER 12 ZONE "B"				
	W	D	L	P
J.U.S.T.	7	1	0	23
W. Newport	7	2	2	16
George Cross	7	2	3	16
Robson	6	1	4	13
Essendon	6	0	6	12
Broadmeadows	4	0	5	8

UNDER 12 ZONE "C"		W	D	L	P
Wilhelmina		10	0	2	10
Slavia Park		10	0	2	20
Appendale		4	3	5	11
Frankston	A	4	1	7	9
S.M.-Hellas		4	1	7	9

Frankston B	1	1	10	1
UNDER 14 ZONE "A"				
	W	D	L	P
Trident	12	0	0	24
Sunshine	11	0	1	22
Olympia	8	0	4	16
Nth. Sunshine	7	2	3	16
J.U.S.T.	7	0	5	14
George Cross	4	1	7	9
Lions Melb.	4	0	8	8
Ajax	3	0	9	6
Deer Park	1	1	10	2

Essendon	1	0	11	2
UNDER 14 ZONE "B"				
	W	D	L	P
Springvale	11	0	1	22
S.M.-Hellas	10	1	1	21
Wilhelmina	9	1	2	19
Melbourne	8	2	3	16

Aspendale	A	7	1	4	35
Noble Park	A	4	1	7	9
Frankston		3	1	8	7
Noble Park	B	2	2	8	6
Aspendale	B	2	1	5	5
UNDER 16 ZONE "A"					
		W	D	L	F
Trident		10	1	1	21
Nth. Sunshine		10	1	1	21
Ardeer		8	0	3	18
Olympia		8	0	4	24
Croydon		4	0	15	6
Essendon		3	1	12	7
J.U.S.T.		2	0	16	3
Moreland		0	0	17	0

Sunshine	4	1	7	18	18	7
Essendon	3	1	8	12	51	7
J.U.S.T.	2	0	10	7	53	4
Moreland	0	0	3	0	34	0
UNDER 16 ZONE "B"						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Newport	9	1	2	48	32	18
George Cross	8	1	1	20	7	13

Glenroy	7	2	3	18	12	16
Lions Melb. A	5	2	5	15	18	12
Polonia F	5	1	3	24	19	11
Broadmeadows	4	1	7	16	39	5
Polonia	4	0	7	11	31	8
Lions Melb. B	0	0	12	0	12	0
UNDER 16 ZONE "C"						

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	12	0	0	81	12	24
Wilhelmiana	9	1	2	68	20	15
Dandenong	6	3	3	35	22	13
Croydon	6	1	5	38	53	12
Box Hill	3	3	5	51	34	9
Moorabbin	2	3	7	23	41	7
Baywater	2	2	7	18	47	4

Noble Park	1	1	10	18	81	3
UNDER 18 ZONE "D"						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-Heillas	8	1	3	45	15	17
Sandringham	8	0	3	41	18	16
Slavia Port	6	2	4	47	27	14
Juventus E	6	1	5	37	42	13
Geelong	5	2	4	28	24	15

Frankston A	3	3	4	23	29	13
Hakoah	5	2	1	46	39	12
Appendale	1	3	8	24	36	5
Frankston B	2	8	9	13	81	4
UNDER 18 ZONE "A"						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	8	2	2	25	12	18
Brighton	7	2	2	36	18	3

JUNIOR CUP DRAW	
Semi Finals —	
Under-12: Wilhelmina v	
Deer Park, J.U.S.T. v Slavia	
Under-14: Trident v Sun-	
shine City, Wilhelmina v	
Springvale.	
Under-16: Trident v West	
Newport, North Sunshine v	
Ardeer.	
Under-18: Polonia Fowk-	
ner v Ajax, Brighton v St.	
Albans Hesk.	

— What's on at Olympic Park —

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-Hellas	16	14	0	2	63	14	28
Melbourne	17	11	4	2	46	29	26
J.U.S.T.	17	12	1	4	68	26	25
Hakoah	17	11	1	5	45	19	23
George Cross	17	8	4	5	29	20	20
Wilhelmina	16	9	1	6	33	19	19
Juventus	17	8	1	8	46	67	17
Slavia	17	6	4	7	26	35	16
Polonia	17	3	2	12	25	47	8
Moreland	17	1	5	11	21	44	7
Croat	17	3	1	13	25	7	7
Lions	17	1	4	12	17	55	6
							Croftie
							Box Hill
							Firestone
							Moerens Ponds
							Sunshine City
							University
							Alexander
							Corio
							Hollingberg
							Collingwood
							Sicilia
							Manabai

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Bollard	16	14	1	1	99	12
Geelong-Scottish	17	13	0	4	69	19
Bell Park	16	11	2	3	64	25
Azzurri	16	10	2	4	35	22
Springvale	16	9	3	4	44	27
Ajax	16	7	4	5	41	37
South Yarra	17	7	3	7	36	37
Brunswick	15	6	1	8	46	31
Prohron	16	4	1	11	17	63
Moarabbin	17	3	0	14	22	65
Park Rangers	17	3	0	14	20	83
Ringswood	17	2	1	14	19	86

Coburg
Williamstown
Libertos
Fairfield
Norlane-Olympic
I.C.I.
St. Albans
Bendigo
Essendon
Seymour
C'wealth Bank

FIRST NORTH						
P	W	D	L	F	A	P
17	15	1	1	54	9	31
17	11	3	3	33	18	25
16	9	0	7	35	26	18
17	6	5	6	23	28	17
17	7	2	8	25	28	16
16	6	3	7	21	31	15
16	4	6	6	31	28	14
17	4	5	8	25	32	13
17	5	3	9	26	35	13
17	4	5	8	25	39	13
16	5	3	8	23	40	13
17	4	4	9	23	30	17

OND NORTH							
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
17	17	0	0	102	9	34	
17	14	1	2	90	19	29	
16	10	3	2	51	24	23	
17	9	2	6	43	29	20	
17	9	2	6	54	41	20	
17	7	2	8	37	44	16	
17	7	2	8	32	44	16	
16	7	1	8	51	48	15	
17	5	3	9	32	52	13	
17	4	2	11	30	75	10	
17	2	0	15	26	76	4	
17	1	0	16	15	102	0	

	FIRST SQU	
	P	W
Richmond	17	12
Sandringham	17	12
Austria	16	11
Brighton	17	8
Baywater	17	5
Fernree Gully	17	7
Dandenong	17	5
Makedonia	16	5
Yallourn	17	5
Oakleigh	17	4
Geelong	17	4
Trident	17	3

SECOND SOUTH		P	W
Triestino	17	12	
Kensington	17	11	
Park Rangers	17	9	
Frankston	16	10	
South Yarra	17	9	
Moorabbin	16	9	
F.N.D.	17	8	
Ringswood	16	7	
Prohron	17	6	
Sunshine Heights	15	3	
Croydon	17	2	

FIRST NORTH RESERVES				
W	D	L	F	P
Box Hill	17	15	1	54
Sunshine City	16	12	2	39
Moonee Ponds	16	11	3	43
Croftia	17	10	5	37
University	17	9	7	33
Heidelberg	17	9	9	29
Alexander	17	8	8	35
Coburg	17	7	24	32
Florentina	17	4	8	30
Norlane-Olympia	17	5	10	28
Corio	17	4	10	28
Maccabi	17	1	16	6

11	19	33	9	Maccabi
H				
	L	F	A	P
2	3	57	15	26
9	6	36	21	22
	4	55	37	22
	3	56	38	22
	5	33	25	21
	6	47	42	19
	7	45	46	18
	7	47	32	16
	9	30	32	14
	10	19	46	8
	13	22	66	6
				Dandenong
				Sondringham
				Brighton
				Austria
				Makedonia
				Richmond
				Fernzie
				Boyswater
				Geelong
				Yallourn
				Oakleigh

WORLD RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL: Norway v

Malta 5:0 (Drontheil).

NEW YORK TOURNEY: Wiener

SK v. MTK Budapest 3:1;

Panathinaikos v. Elfsborg 3:2;

Real Oviedo v. Elfsborg 2:2;

Beneluxen v. MTK 2:2; Wiener

SK v. Panathinaikos 1:1.

YUGOSLAVIA CUP FINAL:

OFK Belgrade v. Spartak Subo-

tica 4:1.

CLUB MATCHES: Nexoca

(Mexico) v. Stade Reims 1:4;

Palmiras v. AC Milan 4:0;

Florenge v. AC Milan 0:3;

Ruch (Poland) v. Tatabanya

(Hungary) 1:0; Arkonja (Pol.)

v. Tatabanya 0:2; Lechia (Pol.)

v. Tatabanya 1:3.

INTERSTATE RESULTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW NORTH: Awaba 4,

Newcastle 0; Cardiff 0, W.

Welland 1; Mayfield 3,

Cessnock 3; Merewether 2,

Adamstown 1; Well

INJURIES HIT
WILHELMINA

Norris, Erasmus and Luyt were all ruled out because of injury with Saturday's game with Moreland, by the Wilhelmina club doctor last night.

ENGLISH STAR
TRAINS TONIGHT

John Doherty, Fulham English First Division star, was met by Slavia officials at Essendon Airport yesterday. He will train at Port Melbourne tonight.

The Victorian Federation were advised yesterday that Doherty is a registered Fulham player and cannot be registered to play in Victoria.

'WARE COBURG

Fairfield publicity officer Derek McMinin says "We should take Coburg's minutes and record away from them at Moreland on Saturday, as all our injured players are fit." "If Fairfield win this will mean the defeat of the last Federation club to hold an unbeaten record this season."

FAIRFIELD DANCE

Fairfield S.C. hold a dinner-dance at Heidelberg RSL Hall, 180 Ball Street, on Saturday, August 24. Tickets from Derek McMinin, phone 48-2855, or at the door.

WWF OUTED

WWF have been suspended and a walkover has been declared for their future opponents.

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FOCUS ON
OPINION

BILL FLEMING, The Herald:—

"The Dockety Cup, blue riband of Victorian soccer, will be contested this season, but it will not include as many teams as in previous years. Until this week it was doubtful whether the cup tie series would be continued.

"It is expected that only 16 teams will take part, all matches being played at Olympic Park in September and October.

"If only 16 teams take part, they will probably include all 12 State League teams, plus the two top teams in Metropolitan north and south.

"Soccer followers will welcome the news. The cup, presented to the Soccer Association in 1908 by Mr Harry Dockety, has been played for every year since 1909, except from 1916 to 1918."

STAN STACEY, The Sporting Globe:—

"Two of the State League big guns, Hakoah and S.M.-Hellas, clash in a possible winner-takes-all game at Olympic Park on Saturday.

"A Hellas win could give them an unbreakable hold on the 1962 League championship.

"But if Hakoah win, the League honors will be wide open again with four other clubs in the race.

"Juventus, Wilhelmina, George Cross and J.U.S.T. are all waiting to jump into a position that could win them the championship."



JOHN PIERCE, Melbourne Truth:—

"Moves are afoot to cut the State Soccer League down to eight or 10 teams. This would give soccer its greatest boost ever.

"I feel that if soccer is to progress in Victoria and attain the recognition it deserves, then the Federation must provide the best possible standard of play in the top grades.

"An eight-team league or a 10-team league with two country clubs would provide the opportunity."

Florentino wins hotel final

Florentino 3 defeated Molinas 1, to win the inter-hotel soccer final on Sunday.

After the game Mr Bill Tootel of Quelltaler Wines presented the shield to Florentino's captain and

congratulated the winning team.

If there is any other hotel or restaurant which would like to join this inter-hotel soccer championship for next season they should contact Otto Hajnel, 4 Clay St. Port Melbourne, SC7.

YOUR BROADCASTS

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WITH

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WITH

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ABV2

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Every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

WITH

Graeme Cope

Juventus will find it tough
to beat Polonia

By MORRIE BUCKNER

On its gallant showing against South Melbourne-Hellas last week, Polonia could give Juventus a mighty rough passage when they meet at Olympic Park on Sunday.

A lot depends, however, on what happens when Lolly Vella faces the Disciplinary Tribunal on Thursday night, and whether Mike Jurecki is fit to play.

The records will show that Hellas beat Polonia 3-1, but that result conveys an unrealistic impression of the nature of the game, and Polonia, though beaten, didn't deserve to lose by a two-goal margin.

Although playing the last 55 minutes with only 10 men after Lolly was sent to the showers, Polonia fought for and won a full share of the attack, and turned the game into a crowd-pleasing thriller.

If Vella and Jurecki are back in the side, it will do the same against Juventus.

Knowing that it has yet to face Hakoah, George Cross and Slavia, and that it must do extremely well against them all to finish in the "final four", Juventus will play all out for a win plus a helpful margin of goal-percentage against Polonia.

Frangione, Bukkos, Patterson and Griggs can be relied upon to do their share in defence.

The big question is how Juventus' choice of players out of Barbazza, Biro, Bressan, Acunzo, Kenny,

Bottari and Barbon will go against Sklarek, Guardiani and Gasior in attack.

It's a matter for regret that whenever Polonia's chances in a difficult match are being assessed this season, the fact always emerges that the side lacks the firm and creative leadership of a Janczyk.

This will react against its chances of breaking through Juventus' defence, and the Italian side should win.

Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select and award one point to as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

KARPOUSAS
(Hellas 8 pts)

FALZON

(George Cross 6 pts)

BUKKOS

(Juventus 5 pts)

GRIGGS

(Juventus 8 pts)

ADAMS

(Hakoah 9 pts)

MICIC

(J.U.S.T. 7 pts)

MLADENOVIC

(J.U.S.T. 6 pts)

KAMBORPOPOULOS

(Hellas 6 pts)

TSOLAKIS

(Hellas 5 pts)

JURECKI

(Polonia 6 pts)

COPELAND

(George Cross 5 pts)

Other players who have scored points:—

Glennie, Cook, Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Burns, Whyman, Richmond (Moreland), Marth, Voigt (Lions), Rusmir, Jankovic, (J.U.S.T.), Acunzo, Frangione, Barbazza, Kenny (Juventus), McKenna, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Gronowski, Szygalski, Dudon, Sklarek (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos, Margarites (Hellas), Garrett, Vajda, Beci (Melbourne), Silver, Rau, Djukic (Croat), Erasmus, Vlugals, Malthysen, Van Alphen (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Mannering, Alexander, Haynes, Villiers, Thomas (Hakoah).

JUNIOR MOVE
PAID OFF!

When Melbourne introduced Menich and Silver into the first team a couple of weeks ago, the move was looked upon rather sceptically by many fans.

However, the bold move has paid off and two wins in as many weeks have lifted Melbourne away from the danger zone.

A warning to other clubs from Melbourne. There's plenty more where these came from, Menich and Silver are gaining in soccer stature with every game and the future outlook for Melbourne looks rosy.

DE BRUCKYERE IN
GTV INTERVIEW

Alex Barr will interview State coach and ex-Wilhelmina star Mike de Bruckere on Tony Charlton's GTV9 Sports Show next Sunday at 1.10 p.m.

De Bruckere last week appeared as coach for Lions Soccer Club, who are in danger of the big drop into First Division next season.

HELLAS-HAKOAH
NOON KICK-OFF

The reserves' match between Hellas and Hakoah on Saturday will commence at noon at Middle Park.

Club officials agreed on this unusual time to allow them, and the players, sufficient time after the game to change, eat lunch and get to Olympic Park in time to watch their senior teams in action.



LEXI'S TWO BEST FRIENDS